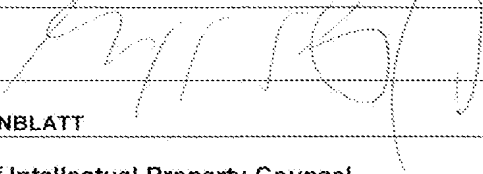


FORM PTO-1393 (REV 10-2003)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: <u>January 31, 2006</u>	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371</b>				ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 58921US004	
				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5)	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/023262		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 19/07/2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11/08/2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTING DEVICE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Takaya Yamauchi and Akihiko Yazaki					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4)</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>					
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording is being filed.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol>					

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<b>The following fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing:</b>		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Calculations</th> <th style="width: 50%;">PTO Use Only</th> </tr> </table>	Calculations	PTO Use Only
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... <b>\$300</b>		300		
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))				
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... <b>\$0</b>				
All other situations..... <b>\$200</b>		200		
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))				
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... <b>\$0</b>				
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... <b>\$100</b>				
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... <b>\$400</b>		400		
All other situations..... <b>\$500</b>				
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23=</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium) The fee is <b>\$250</b> for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				
<b>SHEET CALCULATION</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>EXTRA</b>		
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		subtract 100 and divide by 50		
		\$250.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(e)).		\$0.00		
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>EXTRA</b>		
Total claims	7	- 20 =		
Independent claims	2	- 3 =		
Add'l fee for one or more multiple dependent claims		\$360.00		
<b>Total Amount Due</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$0.00		
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>		
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(f)).		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR §§ 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>		
		Amount to be \$ refunded:		
		Amount to be charged		
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing.</b></p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>13-3723</u> in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-3723</u></p>				
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>				

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